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Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Daily Demonstrations Continuing From May 11, 2016

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje informs U.S. citizens that the civil association "Protestiram" has announced a demonstration in Skopje at 18:00 today, May 11, 2016. It is likely that similar demonstrations will occur daily for the near future. Demonstrators usually assemble at the Special Prosecutor's Office in central Skopje and march toward Government affiliated buildings. Demonstrations are also likely in different towns throughout Macedonia, including Stip, Delchevo, Kumanovo, Radovis, Resen, Kriva Palanka, Gevgelija, Struga, Prilep, Bitola, Kichevo, Strumica, Kochani, and Veles.

If the security situation deteriorates, or if violence is expected, we will inform U.S. citizens accordingly.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Macedonia Country Specific Information</u>.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Macedonia, located at Samoilova 21, 1000 Skopje, at tel: (02) 310-2000 within Macedonia, or (+389) (2) 310-2000 internationally, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (02) 310-2000.
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